

Kuwait National Day Special

Untapped potential invites cooperation on sustainability

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How can the State of Kuwait and Japan join forces to tackle such common challenges as climate change, disasters, economic recovery, universal health coverage and peace? As Kuwait celebrates

the 62nd anniversary of its independence and the 32nd anniversary of its liberation, it also marks 62 years of growing diplomatic relations with Japan. On this occasion, I look back at these challenges and reflect on the immense potential role our bilateral partnership and friendship can play in supporting a more equitable, sustainable and resilient future.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, governments were trying to forestall the widespread economic pain caused by the halt of so much economic activity and human mobility, as well as the unprecedented public health impact. In the wake of this, countries worldwide are searching for ways to ensure a resilient economic recovery while focusing on achieving sustainable development.

Kuwait and Japan are well-positioned to strengthen their ties, given their shared commitment to human development, prosperity, peace, partnerships, and helping our planet; thus, the five pillars of the U.N. sustainable development goals.

To achieve these objectives, my embassy is undertaking a proactive approach to expand its collaboration with Japan in such critical areas as cybersecurity, digitalization, clean energy, infrastructure, technology, education, and health care, among others. This approach is in line with the significant investment opportunities that Kuwait offers, focusing on sustainable and innovative solutions. The long-term economic development plan, known as Kuwait Vision 2035, which



Top: Al Shaheed Park is the largest urban park in Kuwait and features a museum and an aviary. Above: Seif Palace is the official headquarters of the Amir of Kuwait, the crown prince and the prime minister.

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His Highness Crown Prince Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah

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aims to transform the country into a regional financial, commercial and cultural hub, includes initiatives to support the growth of the private sector, improve the business environment and attract foreign investment.

One potential area of cooperation is technology transfer and capacity-building. Japan is a leader in advanced technology and innovation, particularly in clean energy, robotics, artificial intelligence, smart agriculture and health care. Kuwait can benefit from these technologies, particularly in improving its health care system, enhancing and growing its manufacturing capabilities, and supporting efforts to diversify its economy and reduce reliance on oil revenues.

Infrastructure development is also an area where Kuwait and Japan can further cooperate. Kuwait has several infrastructure projects underway, including those for expanding its airports, seaports and transportation networks, and Japan has extensive

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His Highness Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Amir of the State of Kuwait

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experience and expertise in infrastructure development and urban planning that can benefit Kuwait to a large extent.

In addition to these new fields, Kuwait and Japan are committed to addressing the challenges posed by climate change and human development based on their adherence to human rights, the principles of the U.N. Charter and peace-building. Both countries have a long history of being at the forefront of development and humanitarian assistance worldwide.

Under the wise leadership of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, our nations can significantly contribute to enhancing the resilience of their economies by promoting our friendship and mutually beneficial collaboration, while addressing emerging challenges and promoting sustainable development.



The Grand Mosque, which is the largest in Kuwait, features Andalusian architecture and can accommodate over 10,000 worshippers.

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Farewell to former ambassador and greetings to his replacement

TAKESHI SAITO

CHAIRMAN, JAPAN-KUWAIT SOCIETY



On this auspicious occasion of the 62nd anniversary of the National Day of the State of Kuwait, I am pleased to offer on behalf of the members of the Japan-Kuwait Society our sincerest greetings and congratulations to the friendly people of Kuwait.

Japan and the State of Kuwait celebrated the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations in 2021, but we couldn't hold many celebratory events due to COVID-19. I'm glad that we are now

able to hold some commemorative events to celebrate the long-lasting friendly relations between Japan and Kuwait.

Taking this opportunity, I'd like to express my gratitude to former Ambassador of Kuwait to Japan His Excellency Hasan Mohammad Zaman, who departed his office at the end of July 2022. As the ambassador to Japan since 2018, he made significant contributions to enhancing Japan-Kuwait relations over the course of four years, although many activities were restricted by the COVID-19 pandemic. I have high hopes not only for the future activities of his successor, His Excellency Sami Ghassab Mohammad Al-Zamanan, ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary of Kuwait to Japan, but also for Kuwait's prosperity and the friendly relationship between Japan and Kuwait.



Al Hamra Firdous Tower is the tallest building in Kuwait.

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